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3487	4-1-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3487	4-2-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	4	4	
3488	4-2-59	NY LETTER TO CG	1	1	
3489	4-3-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3490	4-3-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3491	4-3-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0	
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3494	4-6-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
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3496	4-7-59	RE: MORTON SOBELL AT LETTER TO HQ	8	-	BUFILE # 101-2483
3496-A	4-7-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3497	4-7-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	6	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
3497-A	4-7-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3498	4-8-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	1	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
3499	4-8-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
3500	4-8-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3501	4-8-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3502	4-9-59	HQ LETTER TO BS	1	1	
3503	4-9-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	5	5	
3504	3-31-59	LETTER FROM ANOTHER GOVT. AGENCY TO HQ	7	-	REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY
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3507	4-13-59	MI REPORT	14	14	
3508	4-13-59	RE: 3RD PARTY DE SA MEMO TO SAC	7	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3509	4-13-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3510	4-13-59	PD AIRTEL TO HQ	2	0	
3511	4-14-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3512	4-14-59	NY LETTER TO CG	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3513	4-14-59	RE: MORTON SOBELL AT LETTER TO HQ	13	-	BUFILE # 101-2483
3514	4-14-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3515	4-14-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3516	4-15-59	BS LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
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3520	4-15-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
3521	4-15-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
3522	4-15-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3523	4-16-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NH SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
3524	4-16-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0	
3525	4-17-59	MI AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
3526	4-17-59	RE: MORTON SOBELL AT LETTER TO HQ	17	-	BUFILE # 101-2483
3527	4-20-59	RE: HELEN SOBELL NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	-	BUFILE # 100-404849
3528	4-20-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
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3531	NO DATE	ENCLOSURE TO 3532	1	1	
3532	4-21-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
3533	4-22-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3534	4-22-59	RE: 3RD PARTY NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
3535	4-24-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
3536	4-27-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3537	4-27-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3538	4-28-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3539	4-28-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
3540	4-29-59	NH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3541	4-30-59	NY LETTER TO WFO	1	1	

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3542	5-5-59	NY SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
3543	5-6-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	4	4	
3544	5-6-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3545	5-7-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3546	5-8-59	RE: MORTON SOBELL NY LETTER TO NIK	3	3	Trans F126 10-3-78 NY FILE # 100-37158
3547	5-11-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
3548	5-11-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3548-A	5-12-59	NH SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
3549	5-13-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3550	5-13-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	7	6	
3551	5-13-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	

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3554	5-15-59	RE: MORTON SOBELL AT LETTER TO HQ	18	-	BUFILE # 101-2483
3555	5-18-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	1	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3556	5-19-59	BU LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
3557	5-19-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3558	5-20-59	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3559	5-22-59	WFO LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3560	5-22-59	NY LETTER TO MP	1	1	
3561	5-22-59	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3561-A	5-22-59	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3562	5-27-59	AL LETTER TO NY	6	6	

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 3/31/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka.  
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On the afternoon of 3/10/58, SA DAVID P. HURLEY observed ARRON KATZ, organizer for the National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, doing some typing in the lobby of the YMCA, 1736 G Street, N.W., WDC. Upon completion of the typing, KATZ deposited several handwritten pages in the trash container in the lobby of the YMCA. These pages were recovered by SA HURLEY and are maintained in WFO file 100-25474 1B3 61. These pages state as follows:

"Dear Mr. Hollander:

"At first thought it seems wrong-to-me regrettable that someone well-informed about various aspects of the Sobell case not be present at the Exec. meeting, to answer any questions or doubts. However, considering the minimal nature of the proposed resolution (it doesn't discuss guilt or innocence, call for a new trial, raise questions about prosecution, perjury, suppression and other illegalities). I should imagine our participation would be unnecessary.... Should there, however, be doubts or negative feelings, I do hope you will call upon us to present our reasons. You would then be in a better position to decide whether they have merit.

"You asked some searching questions, and I should like to better explore one, 'Why should we be concerned about a case which a good circuit court has affirmed?'.

"You answered it when you brought up the Sacco Vanzetti case, then negated it by referring to superior

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reputation of Federal Courts, then it was answered again by referring to large numbers of Supreme Court reversals. The McCarthy period with the adverse court rulings, has not yet been repaired. The present court is more in tune with the late Judge Frank's rulings, and Judge Frank did dissent in Sobell's case, holding that Kaufman had committed reversible error and that Sobell was entitled to a new trial.

"The court considered the sentence unusual but ruled that 'it lacked the power to modify sentences falling within the statutory limitations.' (The new Supreme Court, in California's Yates contempt case, established that the higher courts do have this power. That decision came too late to help in this case.)

"The trial took place midst Korean wartime anti-communist hysteria. And a basic issue was never reviewed by any court, the credibility of the govt. witnesses. The Circuit Court held that in the Federal courts, it was barred from examining this question, though 'doubtless, without the Greenglass testimony, the conviction could not stand.'

"There are many other reasons why this court didn't act. Among them is the fact that 'wholly reprehensible' conduct on the part of the prosecution was first brought to light and conclusively established years after the trial was over. New evidence which cast doubt on the entire trial and verdict was discovered and confirmed after the trial and appeal were over. 4 Supreme Court judges wanted to look at this new evidence, which never reached the court for lack of a fifth.

"Perjury and doubletalk was used by the govt. to confuse the courts and cloud the issues. Thus as late as 1956, Judge Kaufman wrote in a 50 page decision denying a Sobell plea for a hearing for a new trial. 'The govt. has never contended that Sobell was legally deported.' Yet, arguing before Judge Medina in the Circuit Court in the spring of 1957, on this same Sobell appeal, U.S. Atty Williams contended stated 'The govt. now maintains, and has always maintained that Sobell was legally deported.' (The Supreme Court, not granting certiorari, never resolved these and other contradictions.)



"Now let me stick to the issues envokd by the inordinately high sentence. Consider this fact, and the inordinate nature of the sentence becomes clearcut. Had Sobell been involved in the gravest kind of espionage, atomic, his acts having allegedly occurred from 1946 onward, he would hve been subject to a maximum penalty of 10 years. For non-atomic acts, (but tried with Rosenbergs) he received 30 years! (No acts were alleged against Sobell, merely 'discussions,' and even this only by one man, an admitted perjurer, under psychiatric care, testifying in the hope that he wouldn't be punished for his perjury....he never was!)

"(For the Rosenbergs, because their alleged acts were atomic, during the war while the Russians were allies, but before the protection afforded by the atomic Energy Act of 1946 was held to cover them, Judge Kaufman authorized death sentences.)

"The Rosenbergs paid supremely, because their ~~acts~~ alleged acts were atomic; Sobell received the maximum prison sentence, because his alleged discussions were non-atomic!

"Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally, guilty of treason during wartime, for the enemy, receive 10 year sentences - - and actual acts have to be proven in treason trials. Sobell, charged with conspiracy, no acts alleged, gets 30 years.

"I shall attach a sheet which discusses comparative sentences. Let me revert to one more point, however:

"It was only after the Circuit Court had affirmed, that 3 of the chief gov't. witnesses were pretty well discredited as liars. I refer to David Greenglass, without whose testimony, according to the Circ. Court, the conviction could not stand; Harry Gold, the link with the Russians; and Elizabeth Bently, 'the missing link,' who linked Espionage to Communism.

"Harry Gold was disbelieved by a Federal Jury in the perjury trial of Benj. Smily in Dayton, Ohio. Elizabeth Bently was discredited with the vindication of William Henry Taylor. David Greenglass was discredited before scientists following his statements to the Int. Sec. Comm. that Rosenberg

stole our Sputnik secrets and gave them to the Russians; by his own handwritten statements to his atty., admitting he'd lied to the FBI; by his wife's statements to his atty, describing him as a pathological liar; and by his brother's affidavit, that David had stolen uranium from the govt. (about which Greenglass had perjured himself at the trial.)"

The "Washington Post" dated 3/25/59, Page A 12, carried the following under the heading "Letters to the Editor":

**"The Case of Morton Sobell**

"We are American citizens who believe that the sentence of Morton Sobell should now be commuted. Sobell was convicted of conspiring with others to transmit to the Soviet Union writings and information relating to the national defense of the United States and was sentenced on April 1, 1951, to serve 30 years in Federal prison.

"Morton Sobell was tried with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were convicted of espionage in connection with the atomic bomb and who were sentenced to death and later executed. Sobell, however, was never implicated in any way with involvement in the atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted. This fact was confirmed by the judge who sentenced Sobell.

"This statement is not concerned with the Rosenberg conviction. We are and consistently have been convinced anti- Communists. None are associated with any organization, committee, or group of any kind concerned either with the case of the Rosenbergs or that of Sobell, nor are any of us connected in any way with Morton Sobell or any members of his family. After study of the case, we believe that the following considerations warrant a commutation of the very heavy sentence Sobell is now serving.

"1. Sobell was never implicated with atomic espionage for which the Rosenbergs were convicted.

"2. The charges against Sobell, supported mainly by the testimony of one man, Max Elitcher, were that he had solicited information, and had, on one occasion, taken something which looked like a can of film to Julius Rosenberg.

No specific item of information supposed to have been secured by him or transmitted by him to anyone else is specified in the record. The case against him, therefore, is vague in content and slender in proof. The possibility that a trip to Mexico which he and his family took should be construed as flight cannot be ignored, though it is subject to various interpretations.

"3. Whether or not the judge and prosecution made sufficient efforts to provide a fair trial, we ought to recognize that the emotions surrounding the trial of the Rosenbergs and the fact that Sobell's case was tried with theirs made it difficult to separate the two cases and to recognize the very different character of the two charges and the evidence introduced to support them respectively.

"4. Sobell has already served, with good conduct, nearly eight years in prison, six of them in Alcatraz.

"5. As Americans we are fully aware of the threat of communism to our freedom and way of life. Any attack on that freedom from without or within must be resisted. Nevertheless, one of the factors which makes that freedom so precious is its capacity to practice a disciplined and humane administration of justice precisely in those cases where emotions are aroused which make it difficult to remain objective about the merits of a specific case. We believe a commutation of the Sobell sentence would demonstrate our national faith in that freedom.

"REINHOLD NIEBUHR, JOHN C. BENNETT, PAUL RAMSEY,  
GERHARD O. W. MUELLER, EDMOND CAHN, DANIEL DAY WILLIAMS,  
JEROME NATHANSON.

"New York."

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

4/1/59

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, BOSTON DIVISION  
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Re: Rylet, 3/4/59.

Informants and sources of the Boston Office, when recontacted during March, 1959, advised that they had no information as to the Boston representative to the above captioned national committee, nor did they have any information that no representative would be appointed.

Efforts are continuing in the Boston Office to identify such a representative, or determine that no representative will be appointed.

- 2- Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
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SAC, [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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On 3-20-59, [REDACTED] personally furnished the following one-page report. The original is filed in [REDACTED]

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Mar. 20, 1959

"I am turning over to you today the following correspondence from the Sobell Committee Hdqt. in N.Y.C.

- 1) Memo #39 dated 1/23/59
- 2) Memo #40 " 2/13/59. Enclosed is a form letter to President Eisenhower, a memorial statement regarding Emanuel H. Block, a press release and a copy of a letter to the editor of the Washington Post to Mrs. Sobell.
- 3) Memo #42 dated 3/10/59
- 4) Memo #41 " 2/27/59. Enclosed is a statement on the Sobell Case as it appeared in the N. Y. Times.
- 5) Letter from Chicago Sobell Committee 1/5/59. Enclosed is an appeal on behalf of Sobell which appeared in a Chicago newspaper."

On 3-20-59, [REDACTED] did furnish the following items: 870

1. Memo No. 59 dated 1-23-59 from "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." The memo announces that beginning 2-9-59 there will be a representative in Washington for a period of two months to help build support for Morton Sobell's freedom. This individual will be Mr. A. KATZ, who "is extremely familiar with all aspects of our work and will be visiting with congressmen, senators and representatives of national organizations." Local

- 1 - [REDACTED] 870
- 1 - Buffalo (Sobell Comm.) (R.M.)
  - 1 - Chicago (Sobell Comm.) (R.M.)
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Sobell groups are asked to write their congressmen and senators on behalf of Sobell and to send copies of such letters to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in New York City so they in turn can give them to KATZ to be used as a guide.

The details of this Memo No. 39 were furnished the Bureau, WFO and New York in a Cinal.

2. Memo No. 40, 2-13-59, on letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. Memo states an independent letter signed by a group of eminent Americans is being sent to noted individuals throughout the country asking that they participate in a "Commission of inquiry to objectively study the Rosenberg-Sobell Case." Local Sobell groups are asked to suggest community leaders who might be invited to serve on such a commission.

This memo states that the possibility of a scientist's appeal for Sobell is being explored and a draft of a statement in which scientists might be interested is enclosed. Local Sobell groups are asked to show this draft to scientists of stature in their city and ask what they think of it as well as whether they will sign and distribute it among fellow scientists.

Memo No. 40 states a new Sobell Committee is getting under way in Buffalo. It further states that since the election of BEN RATNER as Chairman of the New York Committee, activities in the area have picked up tremendously.

Attached to Memo No. 40 is a copy of a press release issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City, dated 2-13-59, saying that a request had been submitted to the U. S. Senate asking them to enact new legislation which would not allow a person to be tried in the U. S. if "kidnapped" in another country. Also attached is a statement "In Memory of EMANUEL H. BLOCH."

Also attached to the memo is the appeal of scientists to President EISENHOWER which states that Sobell was convicted "at a tense moment of exaggerated fear that American secrets were being stolen," and, furthermore, the severe sentence was undoubtedly motivated by these fears plus the illusion that Soviet scientific advances could only have been accomplished through espionage. Memo states that while Mr. Sobell maintains his innocence and many eminent persons are convinced he is telling the truth, that question is beside the point. The

letter continues that scientists are now sharing each other's knowledge on an international basis, and international scientific conferences plus whirling satellites demonstrate that scientific progress is not governed by national boundaries. The letter therefore asks for clemency or commutation of Sobell's sentence.

The last item enclosed with this memo is a reprint to the editor of the "Washington Post," 1-12-59, from Mrs. Morton Sobell.

3. Memo No. 41, 2-27-59, from "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," New York City. This memo states a new, important statement has been issued on the Sobell Case by a group of eminent theologians and law professors who studied the trial independently. Their conclusion, reported in the "New York Times," 2-22-59, is that Morton Sobell's sentence should be commuted, and they have sent their views to President EISENHOWER."

Attached to the memo is the text of the "Independent League for Morton Sobell."

4. Memo No. 42, 3-10-59, on letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," N.Y.C. This memo states an important new national appeal for Morton Sobell by clergymen is being initiated this week on the West Coast. It states that approximately 40 clergymen of various faiths have signed their names to an appeal for Sobell's freedom or a new trial. It states further the Los Angeles Committee is printing up complete kits for the clergy mailing. Each kit will include the appeal signed by the initiators, a cover letter, a printed copy of the new statement by Dr. REINHOLD NIEBUHR and those who studied the case with him, a return envelope addressed to the clergymen writing the covering letter and the outer envelope. Kits may be ordered by other committees from the Los Angeles group, and requests should be addressed to "Los Angeles Committee, 462 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California." Kits are \$7.75 per hundred.

This Memo No. 42 states some interest in the Sobell Case has been shown by eminent attorneys in England and France. They are not identified. Several key individuals "have said they would be interested in participating in a formal study of the facts - in Paris some of those who have been concerned with the case are exploring the possibility of a French motion picture being made based on the Rosenberg-Sobell trial."



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5. A letter from the "Chicago Sobell Committee, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 1301, Chicago 4, Illinois," 1-5-59, signed by "DAVID L. SOLTNER for the Committee."

The letter contains a report of the Chicago Committee's "Appeal to the President." Almost 100 prominent Chicagoans signed the appeal. Enclosed is a copy of the appeal sent to the President of the United States on behalf of Sobell as it appeared in a Chicago newspaper.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
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Re Chicago letter, 3/19/59, and New York  
letter to San Francisco, dated 3/2/59.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE:

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FROM : SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK (#42)

SUBJECT: JUDITH ELAINE SWETSKY  
SM-C

On 3/26/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject is no longer employed at the Puritan Frosted Foods Incorporated.

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that SWETSKY continues to work as a fund solicitor for the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL on at least a part-time basis. 070

[REDACTED] 070  
1 - New York (100-107111)

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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		Report made by <b>MELVIN A. THOMPSON</b>	Typed By: <b>MAT:</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Report of SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON, 7/1/58, Miami.

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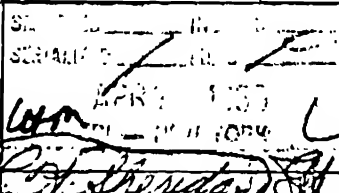
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Will follow and report activity of captioned organization in Miami as revealed through confidential informants and/or public releases.

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- INFORMANTS -

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

[REDACTED] b1  
MM T-2 is anonymous  
source.  
Used to document  
LEAH FELDMAN.

MM T-3 is [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED]  
Used to document  
MILDRED MIROWITZ.

MM T-4 is [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED]  
MM T-5 is ND425.  
Used to document  
ROSE DANTZIG.

MM T-6 is trash cover  
maintained on CIO Headquarters  
[REDACTED] West Flagler Street,  
[REDACTED] Florida, which was CP  
Headquarters in Miami area. b7D  
Used to document GUSSIE LYNN  
and ESTHER NORRIS.

MM T-7 is [REDACTED]  
Used to document ESTHER FELDMAN. b7D

MM T-8 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] requested  
Identity be kept confidential. b7D  
Used to document JACOB R. FELDMAN.

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IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

Source used to document Jewish Cultural Center  
was [REDACTED] b1

Sources used to document Women's International  
League for Peace and Freedom are [REDACTED] b7D

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Report of:

SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON

Office: Miami

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MIAMI (100-12292) BUREAU (100-387835)

Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

MM T-1 advised no recent meetings of Miami Chapter of Sobell Committee held. Names of present officers not known, believed to be same as previous year. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] MM T-4 said members of Jewish Cultural Center (JCC) held "ROSE SOBELL Night" at Center on 1/4/59. [REDACTED] b7D

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DETAILS: The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following on page 60 concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered

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"'upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' code-fendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

On March 9, 1959, MM T-1 advised there has been no regular meeting of the Miami Chapter of the Sobell Committee for several months and therefore he does not know if there has been any change in the officers of the organization. He said in his opinion the officers continue to be the same as in the previous year.

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ACTIVITIES OF MIAMI CHAPTER OF SOBELL COMMITTEE

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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In September, 1947, MM T-2 stated LEAH FELDMAN was a member of Town Club Number 3 of the Communist Party (CP) in Miami, Florida.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On January 25, 1959, MM T-4 advised a "ROSE SOBELL Night" was held at the JCC, Miami Beach, Florida, on January 4, 1959. According to MM T-4, Mrs. ROSE SOBELL spoke at this meeting and called upon the people to contribute to the National Fund for the Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED] b7D

Members of JCC held this meeting.

MM T-4 advised that ROSE DANTZIG introduced ROSE SOBELL at this meeting.

[REDACTED] 070

On June 17, 1949, MM T-5 said ROSE ARONS (DANTZIG) was a member of Lodge Number 192 of the International Workers Order in Miami.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 20, 1947, MM T-6 advised GUSSIE LYNN was a member of the Beach Club of the CP in Miami Beach, Florida.

On August 20, 1947, MM T-6 stated ESTHER NORRIS was a member of the Town Club Number 3 of the CP in Miami, Florida.

In October, 1950, MM T-7 said ESTHER NORRIS has been an active member of the CP in Miami, Florida for a number of years.

The Marriage License records for Dade County, Florida, reflect ESTHER NORRIS married JACOB R. FELDMAN in Miami, Florida, on May 5, 1951.

On May 10, 1954, MM T-8 advised JACOB R. FELDMAN has been a member of the CP in Madison, Wisconsin, [REDACTED]

b7d

On January 25, 1959, MM T-1 advised that LEAH FELDMAN is attempting to get various civic organizations in the Miami area interested in the SOBELL case.

[REDACTED] the Emma Lazarus Federation (ELF), a characterization of which appears in the appendix hereto, [REDACTED]

APPENDIX

EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS (ELF)

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on page six, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the national convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of December 9, 1946, page seven, column one, in an editorial, referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language communist paper.

APPENDIX

JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER

The reports of the Circuit Court, Dade County, Miami, Florida, reflect that articles of corporation were filed by the Jewish Cultural Center (JCC) and, on July 13, 1949, a charter was granted it. The JCC was established as a corporation "not for profit." The general nature of the object of the JCC is to preserve and extend Jewish culture, including, without limitations, educational, theatrical, musical, scientific and literary activities.

A confidential informant, on July 27, 1953, advised it is his opinion that the JCC is a local "progressive" organization, not directly connected with the Communist Party, USA (CP); that the JCC was started by some local members of the CP, but not, in his opinion, at the orders of the CP; and that he believes the JCC was formed in order to provide a meeting place for "progressive Jewish groups."

The informant advised, on January 5, 1955, that the JCC continued to act as a meeting place for "progressive Jewish groups" in the Miami area and to rent space to any group meeting that qualification. He further advised the JCC, in itself, is not a communist front organization, but does permit such organizations to hold meetings at the Center.

On May 6, 1958, the informant stated there is no change in the control and domination of the JCC by members of the CP who are leaders in the Center, and that the JCC continues to permit communist front organizations to hold meetings in the Center.



APPENDIX

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL  
LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

The "Miami Herald" issue of June 23, 1951, contained a letter from BLANCHE HAMBURG, Provisional Chairman, and IRENE MOORE, Secretary of the Southern Women for Peace, addressed to the Editor, wherein they stated a group of women in Miami have joined together to work with all other women whose aim is peace.

The "Miami Herald" of August 29, 1951, reflected that the Southern Women for Peace have been studying peace proposals made by a number of national organizations including the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The "Daily Worker" an east coast communist newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of September 25, 1951, reported that in Miami, Florida, the Southern Women for Peace had just formed a chapter.

A confidential informant advised in February, 1952, that the Southern Women for Peace became a part of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

A confidential informant advised in May, 1952, that the Southern Women for Peace is under the domination and control of the Communist Party. Informant advised this affiliation was made in order to enable this group of women in Miami to follow and execute the Communist Party line relative to the issues of peace and disarmament. Informant said this applied to the organization prior to May, 1952.

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On October 30, 1958, a confidential informant advised that the Communist Party has not been able to dominate and control the activities of the Miami Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.



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Miami, Florida

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RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
MELVIN A. THOMPSON, dated and captioned as above, at Miami.

All informants mentioned in referenced report have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

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SA HENRY P. LATINI (412)

JUDY SWETSKY  
SM - C

Identity of source

[REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info

Identification of photo of  
JUDY SWETSKY

Date received

3/31/59

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Informant furnished a written report which is set  
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A photograph shown today, 3/31/59, is known to me as Judy, who kept company with a party named Ben [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Her last name is unknown but she is white, female, 5'3", wt. 120, slender build, hair dark, eyes dark, long face, age 21-23. b7d

Ben's last name unknown, [REDACTED] white, male, 5'7", wt. 170-180, med. build, lt. brown hair, partially bald, no glasses, eyes hazel.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet 4-1-59.

Boston should discontinue the submission of progress letters to the Bureau relative to efforts to determine the identity of a Boston area representative to the national Sobell committee. You should remain alert to pertinent information concerning this matter and keep the Bureau and New York advised.

① New York (100-107111)

P.H. Sheridan

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

4/9/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Rebulet dated 3/12/59, which enclosed a clipping from the 3/9/59, issue of the "National Guardian" reflecting that a store had been opened at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, to raise funds for the campaign to free MORTON SOBELL and requesting that the Bureau be advised of the background and developments of this move to obtain funds by captioned organization.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

A physical surveillance of the premises at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, reflected a small, approximately twenty foot square, street-level store with a small handprinted sign "Thrift Shop" and a larger sign "Colossal Bargains in Clothes and Households - Walk in". No license to conduct business and no identification as to the proprietors and/or sponsor was visible.

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[REDACTED] advised that his firm had signed a one-year lease for the period 1/1/59, to 12/31/59, for the rent of the premises at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC. [REDACTED] advised that the lease had been negotiated with a Mrs. KATE POLLACK, 245 East 178th Street, NYC, and called for the operation of a charitable "Thrift Shop". [REDACTED] advised that he knew nothing concerning the background of POLLACK or the Thrift Shop and added that during the course of conversation, Mrs. POLLACK had stated that the proceeds of all goods sold was being given to an unspecified synagogue and "Jewish charity". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Consolidated Edison Company of New York, (conceal in any communication being disseminated outside of the Bureau), advised that on 12/30/58, electric service was "turned on" for the operation of a "Thrift Shop" at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, and the service was billed to a Mrs. KATE POLLACK, 245 East 178th Street, NYC.

[REDACTED] U.S. Post Office Department, advised that he is the carrier assigned to the delivering of mail to 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, and added that he has delivered mail to that address under the titles: The Thrift Shop, The Sobell Committee Shop, and Mrs. KATE POLLACK, care of the Thrift Shop.

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[REDACTED]  
NYC Excise Tax Division, 120 West 32nd Street, NYC, advised that all firms or persons doing business in NYC are required to register with the NYC Collector and notify him of their intention to do business. [REDACTED] stated that after registering, all businesses are then required to notify his office either to inform of their intention to pay NYC Excise taxes or to apply for an exemption from paying the excise tax. [REDACTED] advised that the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, had not notified his office of the fact that they were doing business in NYC. b7D

[REDACTED] Correspondence Division, NYC Excise Tax Division, 120 West 32nd Street, NYC, advised that a search of the records of his department failed to reflect any information concerning the Thrift Shop and failed to indicate that an exempt status from paying NYC Excise Taxes had been requested by the Thrift Shop. b7D

[REDACTED] Registration Unit, NYC Collectors Office, 50 Pine Street, NYC, advised that a search of the records of his office failed to reflect any record of the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, registering to do business in NYC. [REDACTED] advised that a business of this nature would under ordinary circumstances require a Second-Hand Dealers License or a Certificate from the NYC Department of Welfare, Bureau of Solicitations, stating that they were collecting as a charitable organization. [REDACTED] advised that in any case they would have to register with his department. [REDACTED] telephonically checked the records of the NYC Department of Licenses and added that no Second-Hand Dealers License had been issued to the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC. b7D

[REDACTED] NYC Department of Welfare, Bureau of Solicitations, advised that a check of the records of his office failed to reflect any correspondence between his office and the Thrift Shop and added that there is no record either of the Thrift Shop having applied for or being granted an exemption from collecting NYC Excise Taxes or of their registering as a charitable organization. b7D

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[REDACTED] NYC Excise Tax Division, Investigations Unit, advised on 4/8/59, that repeated visits on his part to the Thrift Shop at 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, had failed to result in his being able to talk to the person in charge and he added that everyone he talked to at the Thrift Shop advised that they were "a volunteer, unpaid worker" and that they did not know where the license or permit to operate was and that they did not know where the monies collected were disbursed nor did they know the name of the charity. [REDACTED] advised on 4/9/59, that he had advised a Mrs. KATE POLLACK at the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, that she was operating the store illegally and without proper permits and that she would have to close the store until the proper papers were secured. [REDACTED] advised that he had notified the local Police Precinct of his action and had requested that they notify him in the event the store was opened without proper papers in order that he could secure and serve the managers with a summons. 070

[REDACTED] Charity Frauds Investigations Unit, Bureau of Solicitations, NYC Department of Welfare, advised on 4/8/59, that he was in telephonic communication with [REDACTED] of the NYC Excise Tax Division and he added that in the event the operators of the Thrift Shop, 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, NYC, attempted to open their shop on the basis of collecting funds for charitable purposes he would personally demand from them a detailed accounting of all administrative expenses, in order to insure that all monies collected were being given to legitimate, recognized charities. 070

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell may be found on page 60 of the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendix)," dated January 2, 1957.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] had advised him that POLLACK had attempted to recruit [REDACTED] into the CP; that POLLACK maintained a considerable amount of money in her house which she said was for the use of the Communist movement; and, that POLLACK collected money for the CP. 670

On 11/16/53, KATE POLLACK was interviewed by SAS JAMES W. BOYLE and DONALD W. STRATTON at which time she advised the Agents that she did not desire to talk with them and refused to be interviewed.

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## REFERENCES

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## INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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Characterization of **JOHN GILMAN**

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Characterization of **CORA BERBERICH**

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Informants used to characterize the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

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[REDACTED] 8/2, 16/57; 10/15/57; 6/2/58;  
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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report within the next six months the activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

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Report of: SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH Office: Milwaukee

Date: APR 13 1959

File Number: Bureau file 100-387835; Milwaukee file 100-11982

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

## Synopsis:

Milwaukee Sobell Committee has held numerous meetings and some fund raising house parties within recent months, according informants. Largely the discussion at these meetings concerned efforts to obtain a clemency plea for SOBELL, rather than a new trial.

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[REDACTED] DR. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN  
addressed Sobell Committee affair 3/22/59. Chairman JOHN GILMAN  
and Vice Chairman WAYNE LEVERENZ participated in discussion of  
Sobell case over radio station WHA, Madison, Wis., during 10/58.  
Current officers of Milwaukee Sobell Committee reportedly consist  
of two CP members and two SWP members. [REDACTED] 020  
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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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[REDACTED] GILMAN also suggested that the membership could write letters to various local professors asking those professors themselves thereafter to write letters to the President of the U. S., with requests for clemency for MORTON SOBELL so that SOBELL could be released to spend the coming Christmas holidays with his family. GILMAN also suggested that letters could be written to political candidates in the Milwaukee area for the same purpose. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on August 16, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN was then a member of the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] advised on October 3, 1958, that AL STERGAR was then the Executive Chairman of the Milwaukee Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. b2

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The Sobell Committee meeting [REDACTED] was largely taken up with a discussion which sought new ways to support SOBELL's plea for clemency. b7D

(MI T-12, [REDACTED])

JOHN GILMAN, the chairman, reported to the Sobell Committee meeting [REDACTED] that letters in support of the clemency plea were to be prepared as letters asking a new trial for SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

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The International Workers Order (IWO) has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Milwaukee Sobell Committee sponsored a party and dance on Saturday night, October 18, 1958, at 2132 North Palmer Street, Milwaukee. Doughnuts, coffee, beer and liquor were sold.

JOHN GILMAN, the Sobell Committee chairman, gave a short speech at the party. He pointed out the urgent need for help for the committee. He said members should solicit signatures for a petition supporting MORTON SOBELL's cause, the petition to be ready for presentation by the end of November, 1958. Such signatures, he pointed out, would probably be available at churches, unions, college campuses. Thirty or thirty-five persons attended the party. Some money was raised for GILMAN's coming trip to Chicago.

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Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN gave a lecture at Jefferson Hall, Milwaukee, on March 22, 1959, the lecture sponsored by the Milwaukee Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. About thirty people attended the lecture.

Dr. RUBINSTEIN said she had just returned from a tour of the West Coast where she attended and spoke to meetings of other Sobell Committees. As a writer, she said, she had found that politics, religion and general improvements in living standards depended in a great measure on performances of great men like BERNARD SHAW, and SEAN O'CASEY, the writer of the play "The Informer." She added that many of the great writers belonged either to the Socialist



or Communist Party.

[REDACTED]

Twenty-three adults and two children attended the Sunday afternoon talk at Jefferson Hall, 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue featuring Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN. Her talk was sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Dr. RUBINSTEIN gave a sketch of SEAN O'CASEY's life, pointing out his father was a minister and that his mother had many personal qualities similar to MORTON SOBELL's mother. She talked about the play, "The Informer," and how it dealt with the Irish independence movement and the strike of the Dublin longshoremen.

# METHODS AND OBJECTIVES

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the membership, when contacting people about the Sobell matter, first to give such a person a leaflet, then to answer his questions and finally fully to explain the Sobell case.

[REDACTED]

GILMAN [REDACTED]  
WAYNE LEVERENZ and AL STERGAR had all discussed the case of MORTON SOBELL earlier that month over radio station WHA at Madison.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Milwaukee Sobell Committee sponsored a barbecue dinner Saturday night, December 13, 1958, at 216 West Ruby Street. Twentyfive or thirty people were there. There was music, dancing and refreshments. HAVEN PERKINS was the speaker. He spoke briefly on the activities of other Sobell Committees in Cleveland, California, St. Louis and Chicago. He said the goal of the Sobell Committees throughout the country was a new trial for MORTON SOBELL and a reduction of his sentence from thirty years to the seven years he had already served in jail.

OFFICERS

[REDACTED] b7d

Officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, as of October, 1958, were the officers who previously had been elected in July, 1957, namely, Chairman, JOHN GILMAN; Vice Chairman, WAYNE LEVERENZ; Secretary, BETSEY STERGAR; and treasurer, CORA BERBERICH.

[REDACTED] advised on August 16, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN and CORA BERBERICH were members of the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] advised on July 26, 1957, that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSEY STERGAR were members of the Socialist Workers Party.

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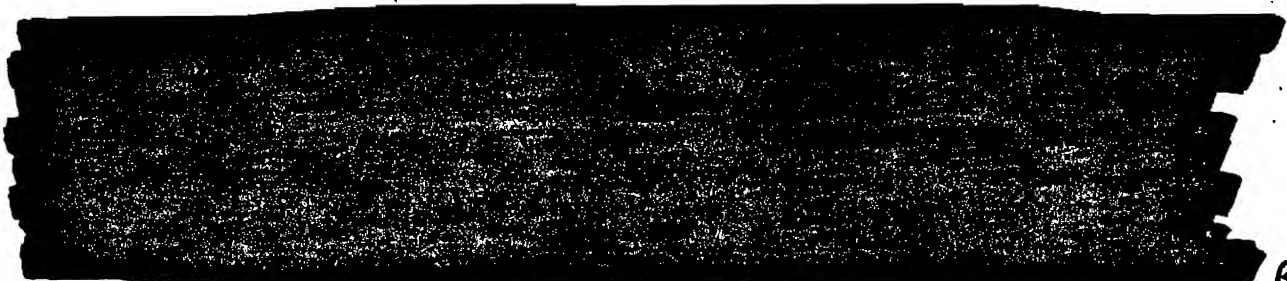
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Although there were Sobell Committee branches in most of the larger cities in America, one of the most important was that in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

An informant advised on October 16, 1953 that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case was held October 10 and 11, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois and, as a result thereof, a Milwaukee Branch of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed. Informant further advised that this committee became inactive in the spring of 1955.

On August 2, 1957 an informant advised that the Milwaukee Branch of the Sobell Committee was reactivated on July 29, 1957. On August 16, 1957 the same informant advised that at a meeting of the Milwaukee Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, held August 5, 1957, JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, stated that the purpose of the Sobell Committee was to get SOBELL's case before the United States Supreme Court.



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On August 16, 1957 an informant advised that JOHN GILMAN, Chairman, and CORA BERBERICH, Treasurer of the Sobell Committee, were members of the Communist Party and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee are members of the Communist Party. Informant also advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ and BETSY STERGAR are Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Sobell Committee.

On July 26, 1957 an informant identified LEVERENZ and STERGAR as members of the Socialist Workers Party.

An informant on October 15, 1957 and again on June 2, 1958 advised that the Milwaukee Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is one of the affiliated committees of the National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and that the Milwaukee Committee has held regular meetings since its reactivation on July 29, 1957.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and "then as the National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee To Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

APPENDIX

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 13, 1959

MI 100-11982

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, aka. National Committee to  
Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reference is made to the report of SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The informants referred to in the above report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

4/14/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL;  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

Rebulets 11/14/58 and 2/9/59.

Informants and Sources of the NYO have been unable to ascertain any additional information concerning the identities of the yet unknown members of the National Committee of captioned organization.

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- 1 - NEW YORK (100-107111) (#41)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

4/15/59

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

(OO: NEW YORK)

Re: Rylet 4/1/59 and Bulet 4/9/59.

On 4/8/59 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA WALTER M. BRADY that she would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in matters involving the internal security of the United States and would hold any discussions thereof in the strictest confidence.

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On 2/6/59 [REDACTED] advised SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON that he had no new knowledge regarding the Boston Committee or its activities.

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On 4/8/59 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by SA ARTHUR F. HODGENS and SA WALTER M. BRADY with SAC authority under the provisions of the Security Informant Program.

When interviewed on this date, 4/8/59, [REDACTED] stated that he had no information relative to the Boston Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell; had never made any contributions to this organization; nor has he ever been approached by them.

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cc: 2-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
2-New York (100-107111) (RM)  
5-Boston (100-27290)

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stated that he would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in matters involving the internal security of the United States. He volunteered the information that [REDACTED]

The Boston Office will remain alert to any pertinent information concerning captioned matter and will keep the Bureau and New York advised. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the Boston Office. *et*

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4/15/59

**AIRTEL**

**TO :** Director, FBI (100-387835)  
**FROM :** SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)  
**SUBJECT:** COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL;  
IS - C

**C I R A L**

On 4/13/59, [redacted] and on 4/14/59, [redacted] each of whom has furnished reliable information in the past, provided written reports of a 50th birthday celebration in honor of JIM PRANTJIS, sponsored by the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and held 4/11/59 at 5730 Virginian Road, Philadelphia.

There were about 100 people present, and a donation of \$1.00 per person was collected at the door. JACK ZICKER was chairman of the event. In addition, SARAH RABINOW gave a collection speech.

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There was no guest speaker, but instead there were a number of short testimonial speeches praising FRANTZIS for her work in a number of progressive groups. She was praised for working with "Friends of Spain," "Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell," and "Civil Rights Congress." Speeches were given by JOHN HOLTON, THOMAS MADRID, A. HARRY LEVITAN, ESQ., AND SARAH HANCOCK.

HARRY is District Chairman, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. HOLTON is an active CP member. A. HARRY LEVITAN, ESQ., is a current Philadelphia Security Index subject, as also is JEAN FRANTZIS.

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OFFICE MORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-16943)

4-16-59

FROM: SA EDWARD H. GALL

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB (NGRC)  
IS - C

Group:

Supper and Bazaar for Benefit of  
Morton Sobell Committee Sponsored  
by NGRC

Place:

1183 Old Town Road, Bridgeport, Conn.

Date:

3-28-59

Info. From:

Info. To:

SA EDWARD H. GALL

Furnished On:

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Location:

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
was present at the above affair and furnished the following  
written report of what transpired at same: B7D

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2- 100-16943

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100-14203 (Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton  
Sobell)

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"National Guardian Readers Club  
Annual Supper and Bazaar for the  
Benefit of Sobell Committee.  
Held at the home of Jake & Harriet Goldring  
1183 Old Town Road - Bridgeport, Conn.  
Mar. 28, 1959 - 8 P.M.

(Written Mar. 29th)

"The evening was devoted to dinning, dancing and the  
selling of Clothing. Costume jewelry, household items,  
etc. [REDACTED] b7D

"Jake Goldring made a few announcements. They were  
as follows - Sunday nite Mar. 29th Morris Schappes  
will lecture at the Jewish Community Center. Subject:  
"The Jewish Influence on American Literature."

"April 25th Joe North will speak at the Hawley Musical  
Studio, West & Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport. His subject  
will be Cub. Jake said, invitations will be mailed.

"Jake also said, George Morris will speak at his home in  
May.

"Frank Brown won the cocktail mixer in the raffle.

"Names of people attending  
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4/17/59

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-11982)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS - C

Rerep SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH, Milwaukee, 4/13/59.

Bureau and New York requested to make following correction  
in copies of rerep:

On Page 3, Paragraph 6, Line 3, insert words "preferred to"  
after "were to be."

Milwaukee report copies have been corrected. G-2, Milwaukee;  
G-2, Chicago; ONI, Chicago; and OSI, Chicago have also been  
asked by letter to make the correction.

3-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
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# COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

940 Broadway  
New York 10, N.Y.

March 20, 1959

MEMO #43

SAN FRANCISCO--Reports from San Francisco are that a truly inspiring dinner took place last weekend in honor of Reverend Peter McCormack. The dinner, held at the Hotel Whitcomb and attended by 250 persons, was covered not only in the San Francisco newspapers, but also nationally. We have received one clipping, for example, from the Washington Star, which carried an Associated Press story under the headline "Urey Says Sobell Didn't Get Fair Espionage Trial." The AP story reports on the petition presented to Reverend McCormack by 38 West Coast ministers appealing to President Eisenhower for a new trial or for commutation of Morton Sobell's sentence. (A copy of Dr. Urey's comments are enclosed for your use.)...Radio Station KPFA made a tape recording of the talks by Dr. Urey and Reverend McCormack for later broadcast. Others participating in the program included Reverend Stephen Fritchman, who was chairman, Reverend Erwin Gaede, and Rose Sobell.

NEW YORK--Rose Sobell returned to New York this week after visiting Morton in Atlanta and reports that he is well...Next week Helen will be going to Atlanta for her visit with Morton...The New York committee has ordered 3,000 kits from Los Angeles for the mailing of the clergy appeal in the New York vicinity. The Committee is also investigating possibilities for a major event this Spring...Representatives of the New York committee are in the process of scheduling "City-to-City" visits to various East Coast cities to increase activity on the case...

DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB--Enclosed you will find a sample booklet designed to aid in fund-raising efforts for the national work. The idea is to form in every city where we have activity a Dollar A Month Club for Morton Sobell. Certainly people can get friends and acquaintances to contribute this amount, and greater amounts as well, toward the Sobell case on a monthly basis. Thus, as the number of persons sustaining the case grows, we will make important progress toward meeting the financial necessities. We will arrange for each person who contributes to receive a personally signed letter from Helen Sobell. Please discuss how many books you can use in your area and let us know so arrangements can be made to get them to you as soon as possible...

LOS ANGELES--John Wexley has filed a \$150,000 suit against the producers of the new film version of his play, "The Last Mile." The suit is based on the fact that his name was omitted from screen credits, advertising and publicity for the film showing in Los Angeles. John Wexley's name was added to the film when it was subsequently shown in New York. These facts about the suit were reported in the New York Times of March 20. The Times story concludes with the following paragraph: "Mr. Wexley was alleged by two witnesses, Edward Dmytryk and Leo Townsend, to have been known to them as a member of the Communist faction in testimony in 1951 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Edward Mosk, a lawyer for Mr. Wexley, declared today that the playwright and scenarist had never been summoned as a witness by the House committee."...

MILWAUKEE--The Milwaukee committee has placed an initial order with our Los Angeles committee for 100 mailing kits for the appeal by clergymen. The appeals will be mailed to clergymen in the Milwaukee area. They have also ordered copies of the individual appeals and of the statement by the Reinhold Niebuhr-Edmond Cahn group...A lecture by Dr. Annette Rubenstein was scheduled for March 22 in Milwaukee to aid the Sobell work...

MEXICO CITY--The memorandum which we submitted to the Senate Subcommittee on Latin Republics' Affairs is being translated and published in the form of a pamphlet in Mexico City. Important persons there are writing to the Senate Committee in support of the memorandum...

AMHERST, MASS.--The Reverend John Paul Jones, who is a member of the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union and who was consultant to the United States delegation at the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco, has written a letter being mailed to all Senators and Congressmen enclosing the new statement by the Niebuhr-Cahn group. Reverend Jones urges that the legislators support the appeal for commutation.

LOS ANGELES--The Los Angeles committee reports enthusiastic responses from Seattle and Portland to proposals for visiting these areas next month under our "City-to-City" program. Trips to various cities in the West are now being planned.

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DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUB

for

MORTON SOBELL



DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUB

I am now contributing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the legal appeal and public information in the case of Morton Sobell.

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for the next six months to sustain the effort to win justice for Morton Sobell.

1st month

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

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## JUDGE KAUFMAN FAILS TO GET HIGHER COURT APPOINTMENT

On March 11, 1959, it was announced in the press that Henry Jacob Friendly, a New York attorney, had been nominated by President Eisenhower to fill the year-old vacancy on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

The fact that the Justice Department and the White House bypassed Judge Irving Kaufman who was scheduled to have received the appointment is a hopeful sign that we are moving away from the hysteria symbolized by the Judge's sentences against the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, and that the atmosphere in Washington for winning Morton Sobell's freedom is improving.

One year ago the newspapers had reported that Judge Kaufman had been scheduled for promotion to this vacancy on the higher bench. The New York Times wrote: "President Eisenhower is expected to send Judge Kaufman's name to the Senate soon. The nomination will conclude successfully a long battle waged on Judge Kaufman's behalf by both the Democratic and Republican members of Congress." Among the supporters of Judge Kaufman noted by the Times was Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire. The Times reported: "Senator Bridges has praised Judge Kaufman particularly for his handling of the Rosenberg trial and subsequent proceedings. The Senator has said that Judge Kaufman's promotion would be deserved recognition of exemplary conduct under heavy attack."

The Times also reported a year ago that one Congressman was so set on having Judge Kaufman selected that he "was reported to have told the Attorney General that he would block all bills for additional judgeships unless the next promotion were promised to Judge Kaufman." Support for appointing Judge Kaufman was also voiced by Judge Medina on retiring from the bench and leaving the vacancy, and by various newspaper editorials. While citing qualifications of Judge Kaufman, the Times observed: "The one criticism heard has been that he has taken too active a part in seeking promotion to the Second Circuit."

The fact that there was strong opposition to Judge Kaufman's appointment was publicly evidenced by an editorial which subsequently appeared in the New Republic magazine. The New Republic commented that "to honor the sentence (against the Rosenbergs) by honoring a man whose only claim to distinction it is--that is callous almost to the point of indecency."

In the year that intervened there periodically appeared in the press various reports on the progress of what the N.Y. Times described as "extraordinary political struggles" over the appointment. Charges were made that Judge Kaufman was being discriminated against because he was a Democrat. Other reports stressed that he had the backing of the New York State Republican organization.

Then came the announcement that Mr. Friendly had in fact been nominated by the President and was certain to be confirmed by the Senate. Significantly, it was reported that the Justice Department, whose personnel has changed since the prosecution of the Rosenbergs and Sobell, was not supporting Judge Kaufman, but had strongly backed the candidacy of Mr. Friendly.

On the day his appointment was announced, the N.Y. Times lauded Mr. Friendly in an editorial and said "Our congratulations go to him and also to Attorney General Rogers and the President, who recommended and selected him. This is welcome too because the place he is chosen to fill has been vacant for over a year and the pressure of work on the court has been far too great."

Obviously the public reluctance to honor Judge Kaufman stresses in a new way the need for the resolution of the issues in the case of Morton Sobell.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37667)

FROM: SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 4/24/59

On 4/2/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD. This information was dictated into statement form on 4/6/59, transcribed by Stenographer ROSANNE CHRISTINZIO on 4/9/59, and read and initialed by the informant on 4/13/59. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 2, 1959

"On March 28, 1959, a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice of MORTON SOBELL was held at the residence of EDITH GOLDSMITH, 5730 Virginian Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This affair started at approximately 8:30 p.m., was attended by approximately 70 to 80 persons, and ended at 11:30 p.m.

2 - New York (Registered Mail) [REDACTED]  
(1 - COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)  
16- Philadelphia (1 - 100-37667) [REDACTED]

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"The principal speaker at this affair was KUMAR GOSHALL, from New York City, who was of Oriental extraction and held a position with the publication 'Guardian.'

"GOSHALL's principal topic of discussion dealt strongly on peace throughout the world. He stated that all countries in the world, Communist countries and the Western nations, should discuss this matter thoroughly and completely. He stated that peace could not be obtained through atomic bombs, guided missiles, or any other type of implement of war. He stated that the leaders of this country and the leaders of Russia should get together and discuss peace and the banning of all nuclear type weapons.

"Following KUMAR GOSHALL's speech, SOL ROTENBERG asked for a collection from everyone present and following the passing of the hat he announced that they had collected a sum total of \$82.00.

"Following SOL ROTENBERG's collection, a young girl, approximately 18 years of age, stated that she was taking a collection in order to finance the youth program in sending an American youth to Moscow in the Summer of 1959. Following the collection, this young girl announced that she had collected the sum total of \$20.00.

"Acting as leaders at this affair were PEARL CHERTOV and EDITH GOLDSMITH.

"Those present at this affair were the following individuals.

[REDACTED]

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"It was announced that a meeting of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL would be held on the evening of March 30, 1959, at the residence of FREDA RAPPAPORT, 4649 North Tenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."

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SAC, WFO (100-25474)

4/30/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

Re WFO letter to the Director dated 3/19/59  
captioned as above.

WFO is requested to furnish the NYO with a current,  
up to date characterization of WF 1147-S\* who made available  
the material furnished by WFO in relet.

- 2 - WFO (100-25474) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (41)

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Date received <b>5/5/59</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) <b>[REDACTED] 870</b>	Received by <b>SA JOHN A. HAAG</b>
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Remarks:

Informant obtained above on 5/2/59 during May Day Rally at Union Square.

**[REDACTED] 870**  
 1 - NY 100-107111 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) (41)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(#41)

DATE: 5/6/59

FROM : SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (#42)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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1 - New York (100-93542) (NATIONAL GUARDIAN) (#41)

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Identity of Source	[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)
Description of Info	Entertainment for benefit of MORTON SOBELL, 4/11/59
Date Received	4/14/59
Received By	SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON (written)
Original Located	[REDACTED] 070

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

On 4/16/59, the PSI telephonically advised SA JOHNSON that "BETTY", the folk singer, referred to in the report, was BETTY SANDERS.

A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-107111

April 13th, 1959

On Saturday evening, April 11th, at the home of GERALD COVICI 1072 E. 10th St., Brooklyn, an "entertainment" was held for the benefit of MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] 870

The first part of the evening was strictly social, food was laid out and drinks could be purchased at the bar for \$1.00 apiece, proceeds given to the Sobell Fund. Those present were directed to the bar from time to time by Mr. COVICI and Mr. REUBEN who presided as bartenders.

At about 10:30 P.M. the evening was marked by the arrival of one "BETTY" - folk-singer, who sat down with guitar and sang to her own accompaniment while those present joined in the choruses, sitting about in a circle. She sang "Ann Boleyn", "Joe Hill", mining folk songs etc.

Late in the evening, Mr. WILLIAM REUBEN gave a talk and encouraged questions from listeners. His talk included a resume of the Rosenberg case, the Klaus Fuchs incident, Greenglass's connection, the testimony on which conviction was based, the FBI role in it, and the "railroading" of MORT SOBELL to prison and the Rosenbergs to the electric chair. Mr. REUBEN said that Russia would not hire American Communists since all American Communists were under surveillance by the FBI. Also, that no H-bom secret could have been given to Russia since they already had it, and the person testifying against the Rosenbergs was a disturbed man, under psychiatric care. When the discussion was thrown open, after Mr. REUBEN stated that it was not likely Russia would hire spies in America, a young lady present inquired if he then believed there were no spies at all operating in America for

Russia. Mr. REUBEN seemed to imply in his answer - "no COMMUNIST spies..." One "MURIEL" asked for permission to speak directly to the young lady who made the question and was granted it. She then discoursed at great length about the Rosenberg trial and seemed to know a great deal about it. Mr. REUBEN said that he had read the Court records carefully and wrote on it for the Guardian at that time, but MURIEL appeared to be a personal friend of some sort to the Rosenbergs.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

May 7, 1959

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On April 9, 1959, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report [REDACTED] of the bank account of captioned organization for March, 1959. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. **B7D, E**

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The report, as it relates to the organization mentioned above, is set forth as follows:

Chicago Sobell Comm.  
Mar., 1959

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			<u>\$578.63</u>
2	\$150.00		428.63
2		\$105.00	533.63
5		15.00	548.63
12	100.00		448.63

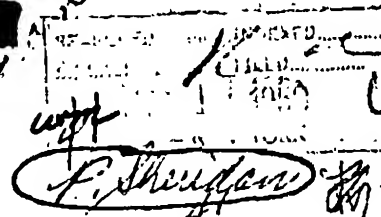
  

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$150.00	Comm. Secure Justice - M. SOBELL	Corn Exchange - New York
100.00	EARL ROBINSON (2/21 Concert)	- New York

2 - New York (RM)  
① - 100-107111 (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)

2 - Chicago

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SAC, NEWARK

5/8/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

MORTON SOBELL  
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On 5/4/59, [REDACTED] incarcerated at the Fairfield County Prison, Bridgeport, Connecticut, was reinterviewed by SAs THOMAS M. TOLAN and FRANK R. GERRITY concerning a tentative identification he had made of Bureau Fugitive FREDERICK J. TENUTO. [REDACTED] is being held on local burglary charges and in the past admitted burglarizing homes during the course of his employment [REDACTED] b7d

During the interview, [REDACTED] advised in early 1953, b7d he was engaged to decorate the home of a manufacturer, whose name he now can not recall, located on [REDACTED] Englewood, b7c New Jersey. He said this manufacturer had a wife and two daughters, then aged about 13 and 15, and lived in a \$50,000 ranch-type home. He added that the manufacturer had a German sounding name and operated a factory situated near Ridgely Park, New Jersey, which purportedly heat-treated metals for the Atomic Energy Commission.

[REDACTED] stated that one afternoon during this period, he saw a bracelet lying on a dresser top in the master bedroom and picked it up to look at it. He said the older daughter happened by and told him the bracelet had been given to her mother by a friend, Mr. SOBELL (ph), and was very valuable. [REDACTED] said he told the daughter he thought it was "phony". He described the bracelet as 1/2 inches wide with diamonds all around with a row of rubies through the center, and estimated it was worth about \$20,000. b7d

[REDACTED] further stated that sometime later he stole this bracelet and on the same day went through the husband's jewelry box from which he took some money and a card bearing the husband's name. He said this card was a membership card in an organization which he now can not recall, but which he recognized as being the "Subversive list of the Attorney General". b7d

- 2- Newark
- 1- New Haven (Information)
- 2- New York (100-107111)
- (1- New York 88-982)

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He said he took this card to insure the people would not report the theft of the bracelet and money as he could then "blackmail" them. He added that the people never reported the theft, never approached him about it, and he continued on the job.

████████ further stated that a few months later he was having breakfast coffee with the manufacturer in the latter's home when the radio announced the execution of the "Rosenbergs in the spy case". ██████████ alleged that the manufacturer stated it was "a shame" to execute the ROSENBERGS as "they are friends of mine and so is Sobel (ph) who testified against them". ██████████ said the manufacturer then told him that SOBEL (ph) had visited his home. ██████████ stated that he himself never met or saw this SOBEL (ph). b7d

████████ stated he could not now give any description of the manufacturer, but said this individual could be identified through the records of the Englewood, New Jersey Police Department, as he reported the theft of a safe from his home on 5/4/55. b7d

Concerning the bracelet and card, ██████████ stated he hid them in the pillow of a sofa in his home along with loot from other burglaries. He said that about March, 1955, he was arrested on a burglary charge and returned to Trenton State Prison for parole violation, not being released until October, 1957. He said in the interim his wife had had their furniture stored at a storage warehouse in Geneva, New York. b7d

████████ further stated that in November, 1957, he told ██████████ who is also incarcerated with ██████████ at Bridgeport on the same charge, of the loot in the sofa. He said they traveled to this warehouse and found that all of the loot that had been in the sofa had disappeared. ██████████ said he also told ██████████ of the details of the bracelet and the card. b7d

It is noted that the ROSENBERGS were executed 6/14/53 and further, that MORTON SOBELL was a defendant in the same case but did not testify.



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Following interview of [REDACTED] was interviewed 5/4/59 by SAS TOLAN and GERRITY concerning the foregoing. He verified the trip to Geneva and [REDACTED] mentioning the theft of the bracelet and card, but could b7d furnish no further details.

Newark is requested to conduct appropriate investigation to identify the aforementioned manufacturer.

One copy of this letter is being furnished the New Haven Division in the event [REDACTED] is to be reinterviewed concerning this matter. b7d

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37667)

FROM: SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

DATE: 5/11/59

On 4/17/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished a written statement to SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN. This statement is maintained in [REDACTED] **020**

"April 16, 1959

"Philadelphia, Penna.

"On Saturday April 11, 1959, at 8:30 p.m. a surprise birthday party was given for JEAN FRANTJIS. The party was held at 5730 Virginian Road, the home of EDITH GOLDSMITH. The admission was one dollar.

2 - Newark (Registered Mail)

1 - New York (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE) (Registered Mail)

26 - Philadelphia

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"Approximately 100 persons attended among whom were the following:

[REDACTED]

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"A speaker from New York was heard at first and she was relieved by EDITH GOLDSMITH who added some more praises of JEAN FRANTZIS to those of the New York speaker.

[REDACTED]

A collection was made at this time throughout the assembled group.

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"JACK ZUCKOR spoke next and told of JEAN's unfailing devotion and consistancy, and mentioned that she had received many letters, and these letters were from persons who could not attend. One letter, as example, was from WALTER LOWENFELDS and his wife who are in Jersey. Someone in the crowd mentioned that Mrs. LOWENFELDS was very sick. EDITH GOLDSMITH proceeded to read these letters, and as she would finish reading the letters she would call out the amount included and state that it was a check or cash.

"After her praises were sung JEAN spoke for a half hour. She gave us a history of her back ground and how she came to feel the way she does. She was then presented with a gift of a silver platter, from PEARL CHERTOFF on behalf of the Sobell Committee. EDITH GOLDSMITH gave the figure for the collection which amounted to about \_670.00 dollars.

"The meeting was closed after this. Everyone had coffee and cake and conversation. The place cleared a little after one p.m."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 5/11/59

FROM : SA ROBERT O. JOHNSON #42

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

## Source

[REDACTED] 070

## Reliability

Who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

## Activity

Pamphlet entitled, "May Day is Freedom Day, Make Your Day Complete, Act for MORTON SOBELL"

## Date Received

5/4/59

## Received By

SA JOHNSON

## Location

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This pamphlet requested that letters be sent to President EISENHOWER, Senator JAVITS and Senator KEATING on behalf of SOBELL and also requested to organize a "house party" for SOBELL.

At the bottom of this pamphlet is "Contact the New York Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, AL 4-9983."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . . . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-16943)  
FROM: SA LLOYD S. GOODROW  
RE: NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB  
IS - C

DATE: 5/12/59

Group:	NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB
Place:	1183 Old Town Road, Bridgeport, Conn.
Date of Meeting:	3/28/59
Information from:	[REDACTED]
Furnished to:	SA LLOYD S. GOODROW
Furnished on:	4/11/59
Original located:	[REDACTED] B20

- 2 - 100-16943 (NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB)
  - 1 - 100-14203 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBEL)
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The following information was received from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past: b7D

"March 31, 1959  
Bridgeport, Conn.

"On March 28, 1959 The National Guardian Readers Club of Bridgeport Connecticut held a supper and bazaar for the benefit of the Sobell Committee.

"This event was held in the home of Jake and Harriet Goldring at 1183 Old Town Rd. in Bridgeport, Conn.

"The supper and bazaar was well attended with everybody enjoying themselves eating, talking, listening to records that were played, dancing, etc.

"There wasn't any speaker but Frank Peterson had some copies of the "Nation" in which he invited those who wanted one to help themselves. The Nation I believe is a weekly magazine. These particular copies were dated October 18, 1958 and was a special issue about the FBI.

"This story was written by Fred J. Cook. Those who attended this affair are as follows

[REDACTED]

The original written report of the informant is attached to a copy of this memo designated for his sub-file. b7D



OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-37667)

DATE: 5/13/59

FROM : SA OTIS L. BURTON

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON  
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On 4/13/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA OTIS L. BURTON of the following. This information was dictated 4/13/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer JOAN A. GIRARD on 4/14/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 4/14/59. It is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 13, 1959

"Testimonial in Honor of JEAN FRANTJIS,  
Sponsored by Philadelphia Committee to  
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Held  
4/11/59, at 5730 Virginian Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

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"Program

"The program consisted of a series of speeches by various individuals praising FRANTJIS for her work in the progressive movement.

"SAM INGBER, the first speaker, said that he had first met JEAN FRANTJIS in connection with his union organizing work in the shoe industry when she was just a young lady.

"Other speakers included: JOHN HOLTON, TOM NABRIED, EDITH GOLDSMITH, A. HARRY LEVITAN, and SARAH HAMMOND. JACK-ZUCKER chaired the meeting.

"HARRY LEVITAN gave the principal speech. LEVITAN praised FRANTJIS for her work in connection with the Spanish Civil War. He mentioned the organization 'Friends of Spain,' stating that FRANTJIS had been active in this work in about 1936. He also mentioned her work in several progressive groups and mentioned specifically her work in the Philadelphia Sobell Committee. During the course of the evening, mention was also made that FRANTJIS had been active in the Civil Rights Congress during the time it was in existence.

"JEAN FRANTJIS' response was very dramatic. She stated she had become interested in Socialism as a young

"girl when her father took her to a neighbor's home and a discussion was held there concerning Socialism. She said that she had been interested in the progressive movement since that time. She said that in connection with the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, she had at first not been very interested; however, that she was now convinced that MORTON SOBELL was innocent and would never rest until the ROSENBERGs were vindicated and SOBELL was free.

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"Also present were two representatives from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, names unknown. Their descriptions are as follows:

"Male

"Race:	White
Weight:	145 lbs.
Height:	5'6"
Hair:	Sparse, sandy, needed haircut
Other Identifying Characteristics:	Nondescript description

"Female

"Race:	White
Weight:	140 lbs.
Height:	5'1"
Age:	About 45
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Brown, wears hair pulled to one side and knotted
General Appearance:	Dumpy

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"A young lady in her twenties, whose last name sounded like SHERMAN, sang several 'Worker' songs during the evening."

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Copies of this memo are being designated for New York inasmuch as two representatives of the National Sobell Committee were present, possibly DAVID ALMAN and wife. New York Office may consider sending photos of these persons to Philadelphia to be shown to [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

5/13/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR ROBERT STANLEY  
IS - C; MAY 1950

ReBullets 11/14/58 and 2/9/59.

Informants and Sources of the NYO active in and in contact with personnel of captioned organization have been unable to ascertain any additional information concerning the identities of the unknown members of the National Committee of captioned organization.

2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-107111) (41)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-37667)

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

DATE: 5/14/59

On 4/15/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written statement to SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN. This statement is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.  
4/15/59

"Saturday evening, April 11, at 8:30 p.m. a testimonial 50th birthday party was held for JEAN FRANTJES. Mrs. EDITH GOLDSMITH was hostess

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- 35 - Philadelphia
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"at her home which is located at 5730 Virginian Road. A donation of one dollar was collected at the door by SARAH EPSTINE.

"Among those who attended were the following:-

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"A woman from New York talked about MORTON SOBELL and made the pitch for the money.

"JEAN FRANTJES spoke about her early life in Salem N.J. and her first experience with progressive groups. Her goal now is to aid MORTON SOBELL.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, Buffalo (100-11534)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: New York)

Re Buffalo letter, 3/31/59.

[REDACTED] who report regularly on the activities of MARY BLACK (mentioned in relet as having written the 2/59 letter in a Buffalo newspaper indicating the existence here of a SOBELL Committee), have not heard of further activities on her part in this connection. b1  
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There seems to be no question, however, despite this negative information, that as far as the National SOBELL Committee in New York is concerned, a group in Buffalo was supposed to have come into being. This office has received the following information along this line:

2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Albany (100-13260) (INFO) (RM)  
2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)  
2 - Buffalo [REDACTED]  
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New York is requested to advise whether any of its sources may have additional information as to the actual existence of a SOBELL Committee in the Buffalo area.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 5/22/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: NY)

Re NYlet 4/30/59, requesting characterization  
of WF 1147-S\* referred to in WFO letter to New York,  
3/19/59.

This is to advise that WF 1147-S\* is an  
anonymous source. Pz.

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL,  
IS-3, ISA OF 1950

On page 11, column 1, of the May 25, 1959, issue of the "NATIONAL GUARDIAN" is a feature entitled "Calendar", which contains advertisements for future events of interest. Under the heading "Minneapolis" is an announcement of a meeting under the auspices of the Minnesota Sobell Committee to be held May 28 at 8:15 PM at the First Unitarian Society, 909 Mt. Curve Avenue to hear Rev. EDWIN A. GAUDE of Los Angeles, California. Under the heading "Bucks Co., Pa" is an announcement of a meeting under the auspices of the Lower Bucks Co. Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to be held May 22 at 8:30 PM at the Southampton Friends Meeting at Gravel Hill Road to hear Mrs. MORTON SOBELL.

A characterization of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell may be found on page 60 of the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated 1/2/57.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" may be found on page 105 of the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated 1/2/57.

2 - MINNEAPOLIS (100-8894) (RM)  
2 - PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)  
1 - NEW YORK (100-107111) (#41)

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TO : SAC (100-107111) (#41)

DATE: 5/22/59

FROM : SA GEORGE EDWIN JONES, #41

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE,  
IS-C.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN, May 25, 1959, page 10, carried the following article:

"WANTED  
 Door Openers  
 Volunteers Needed for our  
 'Open That Last Door'  
 Meeting for  
 MORTON SOBELL  
 Fri., June 19 8 P.M.  
 Webster Hall N.Y.C.  
 We need you to do office  
 work, telephoning, ticket-  
 selling and mailing. We're  
 open 9:30 a.m.--9 p.m.

Sobell Committee  
 940 B'way AL 4-9983"

- 1 - ASAC NH McCABE, DIV IV
  - 1 - SUP WARREN MARCHESSAULT, #41
  - 1 - SUP TS MILLER, #42
  - 1 - RA BABYLON
  - 1 - RA MINEOLA
  - 1 - RA KINGSTON
  - 1 - RA STATEN IS.
  - 1 - RA WHITE PLAINS
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  - 1 - RA SUFFERN
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: MAY 27 1959

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

SUBJECT: SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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4/12/59

JOHN D. MAHONEY

5/18/59

On 5/18/59, the following written report was received by SA JOHN D. MAHONEY and is set forth verbatim below:

"May 18, 1959

"I went to the home of Lillian Reiner to attend a dinner and meeting in behalf of Morton Sobell on April 12, 1959. Sylvia Mankind of the National Sobell Committee was the guest speaker. The chairman of the meeting was Sam Feld. About 25 people were present.

Sylvia brought the Sobell case up to date by telling of the necessity of funds at this time before Sobell's parole comes due. She read a speech given by the Rev. Peter McCormack, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz. She urged letters be written to your congressman and President Eisenhower urging freedom for Morton

cc: 3-New York (RM)

1-Albany (100-13260)

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"Sobell. She presented a Dollar-a-Month Plan to raise money for Sobell. She talked of the appeal gotten up by the Clergy of the country and stressed the enlisting of the support of the clergy of Syracuse. Literature was distributed-- letter written by Rev. Peter McCormack and Rev. Erwin Gaede, Statement by Carlton Beals, book of poems by Helen Sobell etc...."

The informant also furnished the following literature received by the informant at the above meeting:

(1) A book "Dollar-A-Month Club"

"DOLLAR-A-MONTH CLUB

I am now contributing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the legal appeal and public information in the case of Morton Sobell.

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for the next six months to sustain the effort to win justice for Morton Sobell.

1st month	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
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NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
CITY _____	PHONE _____

Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y."

(2) A mimeographed letter which is set forth below:

"Dear Friend:

"Those of us who have been deeply concerned for many years about the case of Morton Sobell follow with great attentiveness each development in the efforts of his family and friends to win his freedom. We feel it is our obligation both to the Sobell case and to our personal sense of justice to pitch in and help at every moment when our help becomes especially important.

"I write you now because this is one of those times. At this moment Morton Sobell's attorneys are in the midst of some very important research that could produce vital new legal action in the

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"courts. At this moment the Sobell committee is visiting with Senators, Congressmen, and leaders of national organizations in Washington to obtain their help. A leading Congressman has just written a letter to the President asking for a new trial. His letter will soon be made public.

"In California, a group of clergymen are initiating an appeal to clergy throughout the country to join in asking Morton Sobell's release. Another group of eminent Americans are undertaking steps to establish an independent Commission of Inquiry that will objectively investigate the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

"I'm sure you will agree that actions like these--and I have cited but a few--make it terribly urgent that the Sobell committee have the funds needed to press forward its work at this time. Last year marked Morton Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz. We have it within our power to help bring about the final step--his freedom and vindication.

"Please send as generous a contribution as possible, and I will forward it to Mrs. Sobell, together with the contributions of other friends to whom I am writing.

"Very sincerely yours,

"P.S. If you would also care to write a letter asking Morton's release it would be extremely important. Letters should be addressed to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, The White House, Washington, D.C."

(3) A mimeographed letter signed by Rev. MC CORMACK and Rev. GAEDE.

"Dear Friend!

"Urgency in human terms impels us to address you. The enclosed Appeal to the President, composed by and for Clergymen, has just been initiated by west coast signers. It is one expression of the building concern of the American people with the question of an injustice in the case of Morton Sobell.

"We also enclose a recent statement, issued by eminent theologians and authorities on the law, who independently chose to study the Sobell case. Their clearly stated position, based on their careful examination of the trial record, we believe you will find impressive and informative.

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"We are hopeful that our Presidential Appeal will receive the response of thousands who listen when the cry of innocence is raised. With this hope, we ask that you add the strength of your name to ours.

"Please give this your earliest attention, and please accept our deep respect for your consideration.

"Very sincerely yours,

/s/ "Rev. Peter McCormack

/s/ "Rev. Erwin A. Gaede"

(4) A mimeographed letter from CARLETON BEALS.

" \*\*\*\*\*  
\*TEXT OF STATEMENT ON THE-MORTON SOBELL CASE BY CARLETON BEALS,\*  
\*author, lecturer, authority on Mexico and the Caribbean area,\*  
\*and former consultant to the U.S. government on Mexican \*  
\*affairs. Mr. Beals calls Sobell's conviction a 'brazen denial'\*  
\*of elementary rights' and 'so absurd it is incredible' in the \*  
\*following letter to Mrs. Morton Sobell. \*  
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"August 25, 1958

"Dear Mrs. Sobell:

"Thank you for sending me the transcript of the 'conspiracy' trial which resulted in your husband being sentenced to thirty years in prison and the transcript of the arguments on appeal.

"I have read every word of the 1715 pages with care. Only a relatively few pages deal with testimony concerning Sobell, and they contain the testimony of only one witness, Max Elitcher. Otherwise no evidence whatever was presented against your husband.

"Another brief section deals with the trip of Sobell and his wife and two children to Mexico, in an effort to prove that he was fleeing from justice.

"The indictment itself contains not one mention of overt acts by Sobell as is required by law. His attorneys were forced to enter

"the courtroom wholly unprepared, almost as spectators, without any knowledge of the specific charges or what evidence they might have to refute.

"As a result the prosecution, by distortion, falsification and suppression, was able to give his trip to Mexico the appearance of flight. There is no doubt Sobell was laboring under considerable fear, but even had he fled to Mexico illegally, which he did not, this under law does not constitute guilt of any crime. Thus it was not brought out at the trial:

- "(1) That he went to Mexico under his own name and reported to American authorities before leaving.
- "(2) That he was not under indictment and was not charged with any crime when he left, only after he returned.
- "(3) That he had gone legally to Mexico. In court it was stated that he had no visa, which was technically correct, thus implying he had entered Mexico illegally. Actually he had a legal tourist card, all that is required, and went through the Mexican immigration offices and customs at the border in the usual legal manner.
- "(4) That he was never deported from Mexico, although an American immigration official presented evidence, wholly erroneous, to that effect.
- "(5) That actually he was kidnapped with the connivance of U.S. Federal agents, was brutally beaten until unconscious, that he was taken to the border in violation of Mexican and U.S. laws and treaties.
- "(6) That he was taken across the border and spirited across in the dead of night, his abductors being joined by prearrangement by a Federal marshal. That his entire family was similarly kidnapped and whisked across the border at night.
- "(7) That the act was protested by the head of Mexican Immigration.
- "(8) That investigations by the Mexican Consul in Laredo confirmed these criminal acts.
- "(9) That the Mexican Department of Immigration and the Department of Gobernacion both provided documentary evidence, not presented at the trial, that Sobell had never been deported.

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"The single witness produced by the State against Sobell, Max Elitcher, was a self-confessed 'perjurer' and 'liar'. At various times he had also been under psychoanalytical treatment.

"During his testimony only two sentences remotely suggest, and these are purely hearsay, that Sobell had any connection with any alleged conspiracy. Also, Elitcher testified that one evening he accompanied Sobell on a ten minute ride to the vicinity of the accused Julius Rosenberg's New York apartment to deliver a can (contents unknown) presumably to Rosenberg. No direct evidence, either oral or material, was given at the trial that Sobell even knew any atomic secrets, or that he gave any atomic or any other secrets to Rosenberg or anybody else. His crime, as presented at the trial, seemed to consist of having been possibly a Communist and fellow-traveler, that he has been a fellow engineering student at New York City College, that over a period of ten years he had seen Rosenberg half a dozen times. He knew none of the others involved in the trial and no other witness except Elitcher. His name was not mentioned by any other witness.

"In short, no oral, material or even remotely circumstantial evidence was ever presented in court to warrant his conviction or his sentencing. It is so absurd it is incredible. I know of no other instance of miscarriage of justice, or more brazen denial of elementary human rights, in the history of jurisprudence in this or any other country.

"Frankly, and this may sound harsh to you given your personal interest in the matter, I started reading this transcript with the hope that I would discover evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, that he was guilty, for I was anxious to preserve my illusions concerning the noble processes of American justice.

"Sincerely yours,

"s/ Carleton Beals

"P.S. - You are free to use this letter and my previous letter in any way you see fit."

The above is being sent New York for information.



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**SUBJECT** **SOBELL COMMITTEE**

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3563	5-28-59	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3564	5-28-59	SU SA MEMO TO SAC	4	1	
3565	5-28-59	SU SA MEMO TO SAC	3	1	
3566	5-29-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	1	
3567	5-29-59	SU SA MEMO TO SAC	2	1	
3568	6-4-59	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
3569	6-8-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3570	6-8-59	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
3571	6-9-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3572	6-10-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—	NY FILE # 65-15348
3573	6-10-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—	NY FILE # 65-15348
3574	6-10-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—	NY FILE # 100-37158

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3576	6-12-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3577	6-12-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3578	6-12-59	STL REPORT	17	6	
3579	6-12-59	LA AIRTEL TO HQ W/ATT	2	1	
3580	6-12-59	AL AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
3581	6-12-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3582	6-15-59	NY LETTER TO CG	8	5	
3583	6-15-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3584	6-15-59	NY LETTER TO AT	2	1	
3585	6-15-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3586	6-15-59	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	6	-	NY FILE # 100-37159

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3587	6-16-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3588	6-16-59	HQ LETTER TO LA	1	1	
3589	6-17-59	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3590	6-17-59	NY LETTER TO LA	2	2	
3590A	6-17-59	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
3591	6-18-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	1	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3592	6-19-59	NY LETTER TO LA	2	0	
3593	6-19-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	6	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3593A	6-22-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3594	6-23-59	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3594A	6-23-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	5	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3595	6-24-59	BU SA MEMO TO SAC	5	4	

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3596	6-25-59	WFO LETTER TO NY	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3597	6-25-59	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ w/mt	5	4	
3598	6-25-59	AL AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
3599	6-26-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3600	6-28-59	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
3601	6-29-59	BU SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2	
3602	6-29-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3603	6-30-59	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3604	6-30-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	12	8	
3605	7-1-59	PV AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
3606	7-1-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	10	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3607	7-1-59	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	



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3608	7-1-59	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3609	7-2-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	7	4	
3610	7-2-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
3611	7-2-59	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
3612	7-6-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3613	7-6-59	NK LETTER TO NY	4	4	
3614	7-7-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3615	7-7-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	4	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3616	7-8-59	BU LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
3617	7-9-59	NY LETTER TO NH	4	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
3618	7-9-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
3619	7-13-59	PD AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	

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3620	7-13-59	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	3	0	
3621	7-13-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	4	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3622	7-13-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	4	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3623	7-14-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3624	7-14-59	LA LETTER TO HQ <sup>W/ATT.</sup>	11	6	
3625	7-15-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	2	1	
3626	7-15-59	NY LETTER TO HQ <sup>W/ATT.</sup>	7	6	
3627	7-15-59	NY LETTER TO AT	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3628	7-16-59	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
3629	7-16-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3630	7-16-59	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	3	3	
3631	7-17-59	NY LETTER TO AT	4	-	NY FILE # 100-37158

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3632	7-17-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
3633	7-17-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2	
3634	7-20-59	SD REPORT	7	6	
3635	7-20-59	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	2	0	
3636	7-20-59	NY LETTER TO AT	6	2	NY FILE # 100-109849
3637	7-20-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
3638	7-20-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	5	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3639	7-20-59	NY LETTER TO NH	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3640	7-20-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	H.S. NY FILE # 100-109849-606
3641	7-20-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
3642	7-20-59	NY LETTER TO AT	2	-	(b)(3) NY FILE # 100-109849-582 <del>100-37559</del>
3643	7-21-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	



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3645	7-21-59	PO AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
3646	7-22-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3647	7-22-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3648	7-23-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3649	7-23-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
3649A	7-23-59	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
3650	7-24-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	4	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3651	7-27-59	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	1	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3652	7-27-59	NY LETTER TO NH	1	0	
3653	7-27-59	MP REPORT	21	20	
3653A	7-27-59	BU SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2	

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3654A	7-27-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2	
3655	7-27-59	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	1	
3655A	7-27-59	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	7	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
3656	7-28-59	PO AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
3657	7-28-59	BU SA MEMO TO SAC	3	2	

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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: May 28, 1959

✓FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

The 5-25-59 issue of the "National Guardian," page 10, indicates that captioned organization will sponsor a meeting on 6-19-59 at Webster Hall, New York City. The Bureau desires that coverage be afforded this activity and the results thereof be furnished the Bureau in memorandum form, suitable for dissemination, promptly at the completion of this activity.

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SA CARTER E. JONES

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of which is filed in [REDACTED] *b7d*

[REDACTED] *b7d*

2 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)  
(1--Committee to Secure Justice  
for Morton Sobell)

(1-- [REDACTED] *b7c*

(1 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(Committee to Secure Justice For  
Morton Sobell)

7 - Salt Lake City

(1--100-9937)

(1-- [REDACTED] *b7d*  
(1-- [REDACTED]  
(1-- [REDACTED] *b7c*

(1--100-9937, Committee to Secure Justice  
For Morton Sobell)

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CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

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For Morton Sobell)

(1-- [redacted] *b7c*

① New York (REGISTERED)  
(Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell)

6 - Salt Lake City  
(1--100-8937)

(1-- [redacted] *b7d*  
(1-- [redacted] *b7c*  
(1-- [redacted]  
(1-- [redacted]  
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(1--100-9029, Committee to Secure  
Justice For Morton Sobell)

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CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

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Plain Text

Airtel

TO: Director, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

CINAL

[REDACTED] on 5/28/59 advised SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE that the Lower Bucks County Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held a meeting 5/22/59 at Southampton Friends Meeting House, Street Road at Gravel Hill Road, Southampton, Pa. HELEN SOBELL was guest speaker; approximately 60 people were present.

HELEN SOBELL said the primary interest of Committee at present is to obtain the release or parole for MORTON SOBELL, then the Committee will try to get a pardon subsequently. No collection was taken at this meeting out of deference to Quakers. Announcement made that the audience was invited to adjourn to the residence of Dr. WAYNE DOCKHORN where collection would be made. [REDACTED] 57d

- [REDACTED] 679
- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
  - 1 - Newark (RM)
  - ① - New York (RM)
  - 3 - Philadelphia (1-100-37667)
  - 1 - 100-42205 Sub A (CINAL LIBRARY)

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SAC, Salt Lake City (100-8937)

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SA LOFTIS J. SHEFFIELD

UTAH COUNCIL FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES  
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[REDACTED] *b7d*

[REDACTED] *b7d*

1 - Los Angeles (REGISTERED)

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① - New York (REGISTERED) (MORTON SODELL)

6 - Salt Lake City

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)  
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)  
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*Full Seal*

[REDACTED]

It was further announced that HELEN SOBELL will be in Vancouver, B.C., from July 16 to 21; in Seattle from July 21 to 26; in Portland on July 26 and 27 and in San Francisco from July 27 to August 13. She will then go to Los Angeles, where she will remain until early in September taking a two-weeks vacation during her visit there.

It was further announced at this meeting that a national conference of the Sobell Committee has tentatively been set for September 1959, presumably to be held in New York City.

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- ① - New York (REGISTERED)
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- 1 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
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TO : SAC (100-107111) (41)

DATE: 6/8/59

FROM : SA GEORGE EDWIN JONES, 41

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS-C.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN, June 8, 1959, page 10, carried the following article:

"As public opinion units  
across the nation . . .

New York Acts

for

Morton Sobell

Hear:

Dr. Horace Kallen,  
noted philosopher  
Prof. Murray Branch,  
Prof. of Religion, More-  
house College  
Prof. Thomas Emer-  
son, Yale Law School  
Fri., June 19 8 P.M.  
WEBSTER HALL  
119 E. 11th St., N.Y.C.

Tickets at:

N.Y. Sobell Committee  
940 Broadway AL 4-9983  
Help Open That Final Door!"

- 1 - ASAC NH McCABE, DIV IV
- 1 - SUP WARREN MARCHESSAULT, #41
- 1 - SUP TS MILLER, #42
- 1 - RA BABYLON
- 1 - RA MINEOLA
- 1 - RA KINGSTON
- 1 - RA STATEN IS.
- 1 - RA WHITE PLAINS
- 1 - RA POUGHKEEPSIE
- 1 - RA SUFFERN
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-38735)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

CINAL

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
IS - C; ISA of 1950  
(OO: NY)

On 6/6/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was a guest at the home of MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN on that date.

Informant reported RUBINSTEIN stated there is a good deal of activity in the Sobell case and mentioned that "they" are strong in Toronto, Buffalo, Syracuse and will time her talk for "June 19th, Execution of the Rosenbergs Day."

Informant stated MARCUS GOLDMAN commented that the Sobell case is being promoted out of proportion and inquired as to where the money is going. RUBINSTEIN replied "there are expenses." Informant stated that later RUBINSTEIN in discussing the Sobell case, stated: "I really don't know how large or small they are; how much money they raise or need."

- 3 - Bureau
  - 1 - Albany (Info)(RM)
  - 1 - Buffalo (Info)(RM)
  - 1 - Detroit (Info)(RM)
  - ② - New York (100-107111)(RM)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]
  - 1 - WFO
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The February, 1959, edition of "Mainstream," published monthly by "Masses and Mainstream, Inc.", 832 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y., identified ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN as a Contributing Editor.

ECUA, in its "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published 1/2/57, on page 104, identified "Masses and Mainstream" as the successor to "New Masses", a communist magazine. This ECUA booklet stated the name of "Masses and Mainstream" was changed to "Mainstream" with the September, 1956, issue of this publication.

[REDACTED] on 5/31/58 reported that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN consider themselves communists but do not use the word communist even in discussions among B2 themselves or their associates.

On 2/9/59 [REDACTED] reported that MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN were supporting the CP financially. B2

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Reporting Office <b>ST. LOUIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>6/12/59</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/2 - 10/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka</b>		Report made by  <b>CLARK S. SMITH</b>	Typed by  <b>E-J</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>	

REFERENCE: St. Louis report of SA CLARK S. SMITH dated 12/16/58

STATUS: P\*

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THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will follow and report the activities of the **SLCSJMS**.

*b7d*

[REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
1 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM) 1 - AC of S, G-2, Chicago (RM) 1 - AC of S, G-2, St. Louis (RM) 1 - ONI, Chicago (RM) 1 - 12D, OSI, CAFB, Ill. (RM) 1 - Chicago (100-25530) (Info) (RM) 1 - New York (100-10711) (RM) 3 - St. Louis (100-11726)	100	107111	3578	
	<i>[Handwritten signature/initials]</i>			

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

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INFORMANTS (CONT.)

IDENTITY

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SL T-6 is [REDACTED]

SL T-7 is [REDACTED]

SL T-8 is [REDACTED]

LA T-1 is [REDACTED]

NY T-1 is [REDACTED]

NY T-2 is NY 1912-S\*

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized only where identities must be concealed.

This report has been classified confidential because data reported by [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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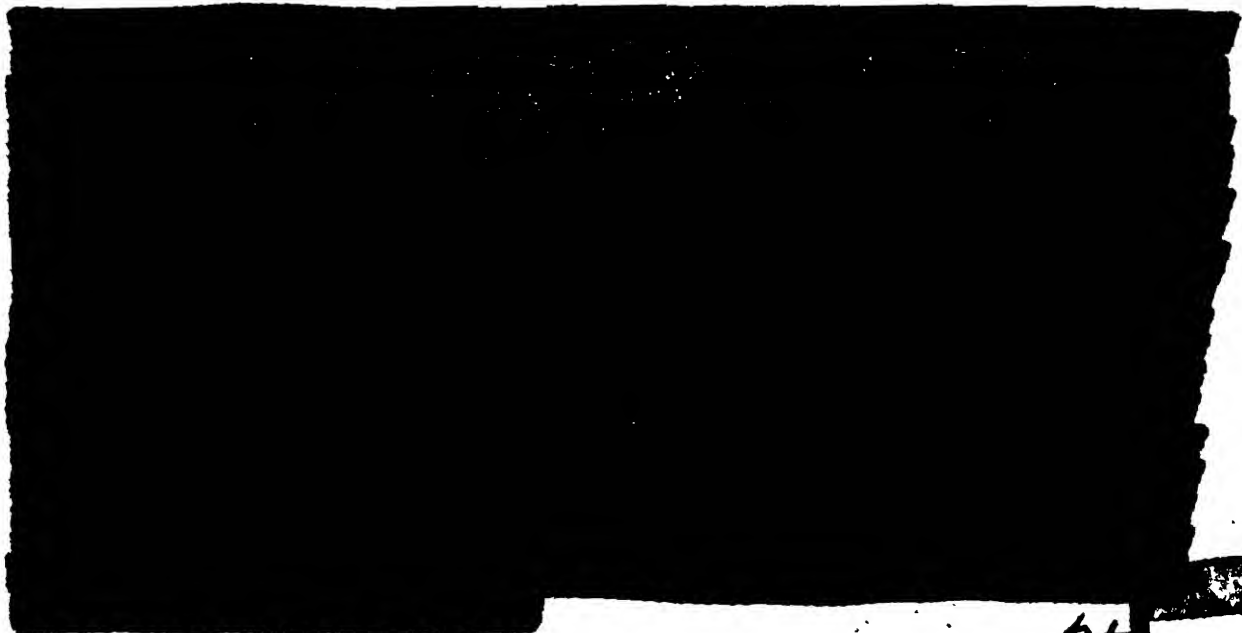
Report of: SA CLARK S. SMITH Office: ST. LOUIS  
Date: June 12, 1959

File Number: SL 100-11726, Bufile 100-387835

Title: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, aka

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:



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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

I, [REDACTED] b7d

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b7d [REDACTED]

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b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED] b7d [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that  
TED JACOBS is Publicity Director of the  
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton  
Sobell and on December 16, 1958, advised  
that TED JACOBS is on the National Committee  
of the Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell.

b7d [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

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NY T-2 advised on April 27, 1944 that AARON KATZ, 28 years of age, white, American, was a member of the Communist Party - USA for 6 years and had been transferred into the waterfront section of the Communist Party on December 23, 1943 and in 1944 held CP membership book number 31250. u

The CP - USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

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b7d [REDACTED]

II. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] b7d b7d  
This informant, [REDACTED] advised that as of [REDACTED] the officers in the SLCSJMS remain unchanged and are as follows:

ELSIE HAUBER	Co-Chairman
IRVIN GLICKER	Co-Chairman
EUGENE TOURNOUR	Secretary
MARY FERGUSON	Unofficial Recording Secretary and Treasurer

[REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED]

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

[REDACTED]

This informant, on June 8, 1959, advised that it is the aim of the SLCSJMS to either obtain a new trial or the granting of Executive Pardon or Commutation for MORTON SOBELL.

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IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. Communist Party Connections

The Communist Party - USA (CP) has been designated by the attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]


b1 [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED] advised on June 4, 1959 that JAMES SAGE is Educational Director of the Communist Party of Missouri.

b1 [REDACTED]

b7d [REDACTED]

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 advised on June 4, 1959 that HERSCHEL WALKER is Chairman of the Communist Party of Missouri.

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██████████ advised on March 10, 1959, that  
HYMAN LUMER is National Education Director  
of the CP - USA.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis 99, Missouri

June 12, 1959

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
(SL file 100-11726)

Informants and sources used in the report of SA CLARK S. SMITH dated June 12, 1959 at St. Louis, Missouri, have all furnished reliable information in the past.

This communication and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside of the agency to which loaned.

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6/12/59

AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) *O*  
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SORELL COMMITTEE (LSC)  
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*full record*

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Seattle (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Portland (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Diego (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Phoenix (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- ① - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED) *or*
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-41648) (100-43372 - CINAL)

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(11)

SOURCE:  to SA SAM SHOEMAKER 

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AIRTEL

# Los Angeles Sobell Committee

1212 N.W. 12TH AVE. SUITE 101

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Phone: HOLLYWOOD 2-5721

June 1, 1955

Dear Friend,

You made it possible.

The results of our North and Southwest tours have exceeded our expectations. The campaign for Morton Sobell's freedom has received featured editorial support in the PORTLAND OREGONIAN and the PHOENIX JEWISH NEWS. Four new Sobell Committees have formed in the major cities of Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Canada. Over 100 clergymen and community leaders in six Western States are reading the trial record and significant material on the Sobell case for the first time to determine their action. You made it possible.

On the weekend of June 28-29, Sobell Committee delegates from some 16 cities in five Western States and British Columbia, Canada, are meeting for the first time in Los Angeles - to form a Western Regional Organization - and - to meet you.

On Saturday evening, June 27, these delegates will be honored at a Regional Banquet, held under L.A. Sobell Committee auspices. The response of L.A. support - as to this banquet will not only be felt here but will be the subject of first-hand reports to our friends in Canada, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Fresno, San Diego and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. The work that is being done has never been in more need of vital support and inspiration.

We will do whatever we can in these next few weeks to insure the success of the most meaningful event we have ever had. But what you do is the deciding factor. Will you use our return envelope - and include your reservations to our Regional Banquet?

- 1) If you send us a check, you will receive your Banquet tickets by Return Mail.
- 2) If you are raising your funds to attend the Banquet - we enclose a contribution book which may be helpful to you.
- 3) Will you plan a small house party to help toward the Banquet attendance? We have speakers and programs available to you.
- 4) Will your organization discuss what it will do to participate in Banquet work?

We who have been close to the campaign to free Morton Sobell know that the door is finally opening. If the new concern that exists can only receive the force of your support now - this year will see Morton Sobell's freedom - and all that it represents.

You can make it possible.

Most sincerely,

Wages Newman  
For the Committee

P.S. - Southwest Tour Report included

6/12/59

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, Aka.  
IS - C; ISA of 1950

OO: NEW YORK

CIRAL

Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 6/8/59.

*b7d* [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROBERT S. KEA on [redacted] that a picnic would be held under the auspices of the above organization at Casenovia, New York, at the home of JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN on June 21, 1959, and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was to be the honored guest.

*b7d* [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past [redacted] advised [redacted] that JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN were long-time members of the CP at Syracuse, New York. *b7d*

- cc: 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
1 - WFO (100-25474) (Info) (RM)  
② - New York (100-10711) (RM)  
    (1 - [redacted] *b7c*)  
1 - Buffalo (Info) (RM)  
2 - Albany (100-13260)  
    (1 - [redacted] *b7d*)

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D 7d [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [REDACTED] that the financial statement of the Syracuse Sobell Committee in January 1959, showed JANE ANDERSON as Secretary-Treasurer of that committee.

Published newspapers of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL have listed the Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, as an affiliate of that committee.

A copy of this communication is furnished to WFO for evaluation of its informant and to Buffalo for information inasmuch as Miss RUBINSTEIN may speak in that vicinity during her trip.



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE:

12 JUN 1959

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO (41)

SUBJECT: SORELL COMMITTEE  
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On 5/27/59, [REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 5th Ave. and 20th St., NYC, made available to SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO, on a confidential basis, the bank records concerning the above-captioned account. A review of the records for the month of May, 1959, reflected a check number 2217, drawn on 5/7/59, payable to Webster Hall, in the amount of \$100.00. This check was deposited at the Sterling National Bank, and a notation which appeared on the check reflected that it was a deposit on the Hall for 6/19/59. u

The balance of the account as of 5/27/59, \$171.31. u

The above is not to be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena. u

Above source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the above check information was obtained. u

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 6/15/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT : BOB THOMPSON DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
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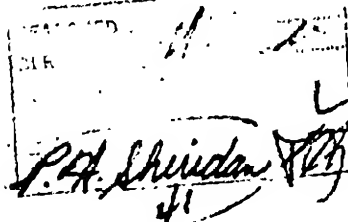
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Identity of Source: [REDACTED] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 5/8/59

Received by: SA KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN (written)

Original located: [REDACTED]

The speaker LOU LNU from the National Guardian is  
believed to be LOUIS E. BURNHAM.

The X reference telephone book lists a JOSHUA  
WALLACH at 558 Vermont St. in Brooklyn.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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May 7, 1959

The big protest Rally of Thurs., May 7, 8:00 PM, on the basement auditorium of the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 2216 B'way by the BOB THOMPSON Defense Committee, drew about 225 people. The mass meeting began at 9:30 and ended at 10:10.

ELIZABETH GURLY FLYNN, Chairman, introduced speakers whom she said had been called together at short notice; that the purpose of the meeting was to establish a permanent committee--such as Chicago has--to fight against political persecution. She asked that the cards distributed be filled out indicating willingness to volunteer for the committee which will conduct campaigns in defense of civil liberties and for the immediate freedom of ROBERT THOMPSON, HENRY WINSTON and GIL GREEN.

She called for a collection of "Lincoln" greenbacks. [REDACTED] Told the audience that BOB THOMPSON has MARY KAUFMAN as his attorney and that she had won a small victory for him by getting a stay until May 18th for medical treatment.

MOE FISHMAN: of Lincoln Vets: Said it was up to the audience to free THOMPSON and not leave it up to legal proceedings; that such a Committee had freed someone in prison in Spain; that if he had to go to prison to fight it and he was sure they would have him out before Christmas.

LOU (colored) of Civil Liberties, Editor of Guardian. He stressed that to fight for freedom of BOB THOMPSON was also to fight the "lynchers," to end negro oppression.

KARL MARZANNI: Told audience to take the telegrams on their seats and spend an hour at work collecting names. He promised that the world is so shifting that people are more enlightened. Told the story that a schoolteacher friend in Jersey attacked (WISEMAN?) by Un-American Committee, had been brought up before the school board trustees; 18 to 1 voted not to dismiss her. Also, a friend in Boston, CAMERON, whom he approached for a contribution, gave \$100 to the book club and advised seeing

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the Labor Commissioner of State of Mass. This man, an Irish-Catholic, greeted him warmly and said the days of red-baiting were over and MC CARTHYISM dead at last. He said that such an approach would have been unheard of in 1948. He would not have been received; that now people are becoming surprisingly open and cooperative to any approach; thus, join up committeewise and individually enlist help everywhere; "don't be afraid to ask your co-workers."

WILL (WILBUR) who sang at May Day celebration in Carnegie Hall in 1958 and at Worker Rally during summer. He sang the Star Spangled Banner opening number; an Irish song of walking where the potatoes grow, The Lincoln Marching Song and You'll Never Walk Alone. (A 5X5 wavy dark-haired young man in thirties, bow tie wearer.)

BEN DAVIS: He said "We saved BOB twice before from prison and so there's no reason why we can't do it again. If we can't prevent it then everyone connected with his going will be made to pay. We are going to fight from now on. No longer will we take anything lying down. J. EDGAR HOOVER and others can't destroy us. That time has past. Even if they infiltrate and come in the back door they can't destroy our growth. The attack is on but we have learned much from the Russians and they are still learning from us. We are too strong now, and we will continue to become stronger, and cause worry to EISENHOWER as he "electrocutes" himself around his golf course.

WILL WEINSTONE: Read aloud a prepared resolution to go to the President asking for release of GIL GREEN, HENRY WINSTON, MORTON SOBOL, and BOB THOMPSON.

BOB THOMPSON-Said a Committee to end political prosecutions was necessary to end such a rape case as the Florida co-ed; also, what happened in Poplerville; what happened to the youth killed by a policeman in Bklyn without provocation; that such a Committee should fight for civil liberties; that if he has to go to prison it will only be for 18 mos, and he will be happy knowing they are continuing the struggle; that they

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as a Committee and as a very active part of the CP will be ever so much stronger when he is released. He will resume his activities among them and with them again. THOMPSON said it was a popular fabrication circulated that the CP makes a hard life for its members; that it is the Capitalist System which makes the hard life for everyone. He said he wanted to spend time talking about the CP, its policies and future; that not only was the fight on to try and whittle down the Party but also even the labor movement was under attack. He said the new Committee would revitalize the CP by getting the Party back on the right track united in a program of active participation, so that by Convention time, soon approaching, there would be no question of the status, and where the CP stood and where it was going. That at last they had withstood the ravages of the revisionists like Browder and Gates and could go forth all united instead of standing divided and confused; that they can forge ahead in the struggle for civil liberties; the working class movement, the youth movement, peace movement and a strong program for the left setting out to win many victories. He said much more should be said about the status of the CP now and in more detail; <sup>that</sup> this would take place soon.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Identity of Source:

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[redacted] who has furnished  
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info:

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Date Received:

[redacted] *b7d*

Received by:

SA RAYMOND E. SHEPHERD (written) *b7d*

Original located:

[redacted] *b7d*

*b7d* [redacted] also furnished a throwaway  
issued by captioned committee which states that the following  
will speak at the rally to be held on 6/19/59:

Dr. HORACE M. KALLEN, Research Professor of Social  
Philosophy at the New School for Social Research; also  
Honorary Vice-President of the American Jewish Congress.

MURRAY BRANCH, Professor of Religion at Morehouse  
College, Atlanta, Ga.

This throwaway also states that Professor THOMAS I.  
EMERSON of Yale University Law School will act as Chairman.

Inasmuch as NYO already has a copy of instant throwaway,  
the copy furnished by [redacted] is being destroyed. *b7d*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 6/15/59

FROM : SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE (422)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

On 6/4/59, [REDACTED] <sup>b7d</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), advised SA CHARLES MARTEL HALE that the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL is to hold a meeting on June 19, 1959 at Webster Hall, East 11th Street and Fourth Avenue, NYC.

<sup>b7d</sup> [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional details concerning this meeting.

1-New York [REDACTED] <sup>b7d</sup>

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

6/16/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
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Rebuletts 11/14/58 and 2/9/59.

Informants and sources of the NYO who are active in and in frequent contact with personnel of captioned organization have been unable to ascertain any additional information concerning the identities of the unknown members of the National Committee of captioned organization.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: July 2, 1959

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
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The Bureau, by separate cover, was furnished a copy of a throwaway newspaper entitled "Today's Verdict in the Case of Morton Sobell," dated July, 1959.

It is noted that this is the fifth issue of this paper and contains extensive information concerning the activities on behalf of Morton Sobell as well as information concerning local affiliates. Advise by return mail whether the files of your office contain earlier issues of this newspaper and if extra copies exist, furnish the Bureau with these documents promptly.

Determine whether this newspaper will appear regularly in the future and if such is the case, make suitable arrangements to obtain two copies for the Bureau's information. Be guided by instructions contained in SAC Letter 58-27(B) dated April 22, 1958.

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7/16/59  
G. H. [Signature]

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE 7/6/59  
 FROM : SA SAM J. SHOEMAKER  
 SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (LASC)  
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**SOURCE                      ACTIVITY                      RECEIVED                      AGENT                      LOCATION**

**b-1** [REDACTED] Writer [REDACTED]  
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 and whose  
 identity  
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The informant's report is quoted as follows:

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 [REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED] **b-1** 1 - New York (REGISTERED)  
 (NATIONAL SOBELL COMMITTEE)

[REDACTED]  
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ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
aka Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Committee to  
Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-  
Sobell Committee

A source advised on May 6, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles \*\*\* The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee \*\*\*.'"

Source advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist party through the assignment of Communist party members to direct the activities of the committees.

Another source advised on July 27, 1953, that SOPHIE DAVIDSON was then a Communist party member.

Another source advised on May 8, 1959 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is currently active.

APPENDIX

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